

**Maine Summit on Sub-State Pandemic Influenza Preparedness  
Breakout Summaries**

**Knox, Waldo, Lincoln**

<p align="center"><b>WHO</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Who should convene regional Pandemic Influenza planning?</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>WHAT</b></p> <p align="center"><b>What key issues need to be addressed?</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>WHEN</b></p> <p align="center"><b>What are immediate next steps needed to to develop a plan by June, 2006?</b></p>
<p><b>MEMA as coordinator with Regional Epi's as public health lead</b></p> <p><b>It will continue to come down to an executive decision with guidance from MCDC.</b></p> <p>Owner of a Pandemic Influenza event would be public health / MeCDC who would assume the leadership role utilizing MEMA as the coordinator of activities statewide, establishing <b>Unified Command.</b></p> <p><b>Regional Definition for Sub-state planning/ Response</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No organization or committee that stands out as a natural leader for the region.</li> <li>• Regions are not defined</li> <li>• EMS structure for this region works well</li> <li>• Issue of overlap for RRC's in EMS structure</li> <li>• Unclear who is running the ship in region</li> <li>• Regional definition is key to determine players</li> <li>• This planning is not a hospital responsibility</li> </ul> <p><b>EMA would want to be part of the planing team but not the lead; could host meetings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EMS, Fire, Red Cross, LEPC, Epi's etc. are the players in all emergencies.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Definition of Leadership</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MCDC should define leader – group determined it should not be RRC</li> <li>• Establish a procedural algorithm with contact information</li> <li>• Clarify state and local roles</li> <li>• Define jurisdictional / functional roles</li> <li>• Define expectations</li> </ul> <p><b>Incorporate new planning into what already exists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Utilize all hazards approach and established EMA/EMS structure</li> <li>• Tie to current State and regional plans</li> </ul> <p><b>Communications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop communication plan</li> <li>• Determine what the public needs to know and be told</li> <li>• Determine communications methods</li> <li>• Utilize RRC as patient flow resource</li> <li>• Define and establish emergency facilities including healthcare</li> <li>• Define quarantine policies and protocol</li> <li>• Message should be consistent and coordinated</li> </ul>	<p><b>Establish Leadership utilizing Regional Epi Structure (Action Item)</b></p> <p><b>Define and Invite Key Stakeholders including those not represented at Summit: (utilize lists developed by RRC) (Action Item)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Co-op Extension</li> <li>Funeral directors</li> <li>School health</li> <li>Law enforcement</li> <li>Other health institutes (long term and residential care)</li> <li>Pharmacists</li> <li>Home care</li> <li>Mental health</li> <li>Public health nurses</li> <li>CAP agencies</li> <li>Area Agencies on Aging</li> <li>Fire services</li> <li>Chamber of Commerce</li> <li>Churches</li> <li>Town managers</li> <li>Physician's offices</li> <li>Food banks</li> <li>Prisons – county, etc.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Who needs to be involved?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members of the business community</li> <li>• Town official levels with well defined roles</li> <li>• Local Emergency Management</li> <li>• Healthy Maine Partnership</li> <li>• Local media (Important to make public know that work is being done and they can have confidence and trust)</li> <li>• State liaison</li> <li>• Senior Citizen representative/advocate</li> </ul>	<p><b>Engage Key Stakeholders</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify all key players</li> <li>• Find un-tapped resources</li> <li>• Define what guidance and resources is needed from State</li> <li>• Engage stakeholders early on</li> </ul> <p><b>Define Pan Flu Planning / Response Components</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Involve local people but define roles and offer education</li> <li>• Providing appropriate respiratory protection equipment</li> <li>• Issues of containment</li> <li>• Isolation due to broad state-becoming self sufficient</li> <li>• Assisting educating the public about signs of disease and ways to manage, when to go to the hospital</li> </ul>	<p><b>Convene Planning Group: (Action Item)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determine availability of planning resources</li> <li>• Establish Timeline</li> <li>• Establish Workgroups</li> </ul>
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